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## Foley & Lardner attorneys leave to start new law firm

By [Chad Halcom](#)

The Detroit office of Milwaukee-based **Foley & Lardner L.L.P.** has lost its attorneys handling the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Troy-based **Noble International Ltd.** to a new startup law firm.

As of last Thursday, Noble bankruptcy co-counsel Judy O'Neill and David Dragich had both departed the firm to become founding partners of Grosse Pointe Woods-based **Harrington, Dragich & O'Neill P.L.L.C.**

Partner and co-founder James Harrington said the new firm will practice in corporate restructuring and bankruptcy with a heavy automotive focus.

Noble, a supplier of laser-welded steel blanks used in car and truck bodies, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy April 15.

Harrington said other Harrington Dragich & O'Neill clients will include the Troy-based **Detroit Auto Dealers Association**, which has retained the firm to offer advice to members on issues arising from the **Chrysler L.L.C.** bankruptcy and a possible **General Motors Corp.** reorganization.

As for the Noble case, Harrington said the attorneys have already filed an application to continue handling the bankruptcy case at the new firm.

"Foley and Lardner will still be closely involved," he said. "Our firm will be handling more of the pure bankruptcy proceedings, while Foley will represent the company in corporate and litigation matters."

Harrington is also a former Foley attorney who departed the firm in late 2006. He previously was an associate at Detroit-based **Butzel Long P.C.** and the Chicago offices of **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.**

The new firm consists of the three founding partners and Stephen Weisberg, a newly-hired associate.

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